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In response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2001 (Paper No. 8), please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 7, and 11-13 of this application as follows. A marked-up version of the amended claims is included at the end of this Reply.

B1 1. (Twice amended) Reinforcing device for supporting structures comprising:

a carbon panel, at least one end of the carbon panel being split into at least two strips extending parallel to or at an acute angle with respect to each other, and

an end element in which said at least one end terminates.